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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
2 THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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4 THOMAS H. BATES, )  
5 Plaintiff, )  
6 v. ) Case No.  
7 STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY ) CIV-21-00705-JD  
8 COMPANY, )  
9 Defendant. )

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11 REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE DEPOSITION OF  
12 GARY WAYNE BATES  
13 TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT  
14 IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
15 MARCH 11, 2022  
16 COMMENCING AT 10:44 A.M.  
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23 INSTASCRIP, LLC  
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**EXHIBIT**  
**5-Excerpt**

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1 matter whatever opinion the engineer you hired  
2 would say because they were just going to hire  
3 someone that they knew would say what they wanted  
4 him to say?

5 A Definitely.

6 MS. WILLIAMS: Object to form.

7 You can answer.

8 THE WITNESS: Definitely.

9 Q (By Ms. Landeros) When you were having  
10 conversations with your father and updating your  
11 father on what was going on with this claim, how  
12 was what was going on and State Farm's actions  
13 effecting the two of you?

14 A I don't think it effected him a tremendous  
15 amount. I mean, I'm sure he -- I think he worried  
16 more about me dealing with it than him having to  
17 deal with it because he knew he wasn't -- he really  
18 wasn't dealing with it much. I mean, he probably  
19 lost some sleep.

20 I have definitely lost lots of sleep. I  
21 grind my teeth at night to the point where my mouth  
22 is sore, including today. My blood pressure is up  
23 about 50 points every time that an issue comes up  
24 with State Farm. It was 172/92 or 177/92 today.  
25 And it will go back down probably tomorrow, I hope.